

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Dear Interested Party:

On April 5, 2013, the United States Environmental Protection Agency public noticed and began accepting comments on our tentative decision to reissue the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for the Diaperville Stabilization Lagoon (WI-0036544-4), the Birch Hill Stabilization Lagoon (WI-0036579-4) and the Bad River Wastewater Treatment Plant (WI-0036587-4). The three facilities are owned and operated by the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians and are located within the Bad River Indian Reservation. On August 27, 2013, we held a public hearing to accept additional comments on our tentative decision. We thank you for your comments made during the public notice period and/or during the public hearing.

We are enclosing copies of the final NPDES permits for the three Bad River facilities and our response to comments. Within 30 days following the service of this notice of the Regional Administrator's final permits decisions, any person who filed comments on the draft permits may petition the Environmental Appeals Board to review any condition of these permits decisions. The petition should be sent to the following address using regular mail:

Clerk of the Board
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Environmental Appeals Board
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Mail Code 1103M
Washington, DC 20460-0001

It is important that all viewpoints are considered before taking action. Therefore, we greatly appreciate your time and effort in participating in the public participation process. If you have any questions, please contact John Colletti (312) 886-6106 or Sreedevi Yedavalli at (312) 353-7314 of my staff.

Sincerely.

Tinka G. Hyde

Director, Water Division

Enclosures